TORCHY HEARTBEATS

TORCHY, HER HEART TORN AND WHIRLING, IS FACED WITH A DECISION ONLY SHE CAN MAKE, THE PROBLEM OF WHETHER TO BE CONTENT WITH EARL'S LOVE OR TO SEEK FURTHER ALONG THE ROAD OF LIFE - - - -

HOW CAN I DECIDE? I LOVE HIM, YET KNOWING NOW THAT HE'LL NEVER COMPLETELY BE MINE - - - IT - - IT SORT OF CHANGES THINGS!

HE'D BE MINE, AND HIS LOVE WOULD BE SO WONDERFUL - - - BUT STILL A PART WOULD BE MISSING. OR AM I BEING A FOOL? AM I LOOKING FOR SOMETHING THAT CAN'T BE HAD?

YES, EARL HAS A LOVE - - - HIS MUSIC, BUT WOULD IT BE JUST ABOUT THE SAME WITH EVERY MAN? WOULD I FIND THERE'S A PART OF EVERY MAN I COULDN'T CALL MY OWN? AM I ASKING TOO MUCH OF LOVE?

WHAT MAKES A LOVE A LASTING THING...? MAYBE I **AM** CRAZY. MAYBE I'M CHASING RAINBOWS. IF - - (CHOKE) - - IF I ONLY KNEW!

BUT AS SHE LOOKED ABOUT HER WITH A TORN, TREMBLING HEART, A FLASH OF BRIGHT WINGS CAUGHT HER EYE AND TORCHY WATCHED A LITTLE BIRD SWOOP DOWN TO WHERE ANOTHER STRUGGLED WITH A TWIG....

THE FIRST BIRD NEEDED HELP - - - AND SO HER MATE CAME. THEY NEEDED ***EACH OTHER!*** I'M BEGINNING TO SEE THINGS CLEARLY ALL OF A SUDDEN!

JACKIE ORMES

AND, IN AN INSTANT, BOTH CARRIED THE TWIG AWAY WHILE A NEW TRUTH FLOODED TORCHY'S HEART - - -

WHAT DOES TORCHY MEAN? AND WHAT WILL SHE DECIDE TO DO?
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TORCHY in HEARTBEATS

IN SOUTHVILLE, TORCHY AIDES DOCTOR PAUL HAMMOND AT THE CLINIC. PAUL IS GATHERING PROOF THAT THE HUGE FULLER CHEMICAL PLANT IS POISONING THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY BY ITS WASTE DISPOSAL METHODS. FIGHTING AGAINST TIME ITSELF, MEANWHILE, TORCHY HAS MADE FRIENDS WITH JAMIE FULLER, YOUNG NEPHEW OF COLONEL FULLER WHOSE PREJUDICE FORCES PAUL TO LABOR WITH OLD WORN EQUIPMENT, AND SO, ONE EVENING ——

WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO QUIT, DARLING? HERE IT IS NIGHT AGAIN AND ALL I'M GOING TO DO IS CLOSE MYSELF IN AND WORK! IT'S NOT MUCH FUN FOR YOU, IS IT?

THERE'LL BE PLENTY OF TIME FOR FUN. RIGHT NOW TOO MUCH DEPENDS ON YOUR EXPERIMENTS!

DID I TELL YOU HOW WONDERFUL YOU ARE, SWEETHEART?

UH-HUH —— BUT TELL ME AGAIN!

LIKE THIS...?

MMMMMM!

BUT THE TENDER MOMENT ENDED AS QUICKLY AS IT HAD COME AND PAUL RETIRED INTO THE BACK ROOM OF THE CLINIC WHICH HE HAD SET UP AS A LABORATORY. OUTSIDE, AGAINST THE STOUT TRUNK OF A NEARBY TREE, TORCHY KEPT A LONELY VIGIL, WATCHING THE LIGHT BURN FAR INTO THE NIGHT INSIDE THE LITTLE ROOM.....

PAUL'S WORKING ESPECIALLY LATE TONIGHT. IN A FEW MINUTES HE'LL COME OUT AND SORT-OF SCOLD ME FOR SITTING HERE. I KNOW BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS EVERY NIGHT.

YES — IT HAPPENS EVERY NIGHT. A MAN'S A LOGICAL THING AND I JUST CAN'T EXPLAIN, SO'S A MAN CAN UNDERSTAND THAT I'D RATHER SIT HERE AND LOOK AT THE LIGHT FROM THAT WINDOW THAN BE ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD! ANYWAY, I THINK HE DOES UNDERSTAND — REALLY!

HE'LL SAY, 'WHY AREN'T YOU AT HOME RESTING, OR IN TOWN RELAXING AT A GOOD MOVIE?' THEN I'LL JUST SMILE AND AFTER A MINUTE HE'LL LAUGH AND WALK ME HOME.

BUT THIS NIGHT IT WAS DIFFERENT. THE GIRL'S MUSINGS WERE INTERRUPTED BY PAUL'S VOICE, BUT THERE WAS AN URGENCY, AN EXCITEMENT TO HIS CALL.....

JACKIE ORMES

TORCHY —— ! COME HERE, DARLING ... QUICK!

WHAT IS IT, PAUL?

Con't'd Next Week!

Pointers for Popularity

WHEN READING ON A BUS OR TRAIN, BE CAREFUL NOT TO OPEN YOUR PAPER OR MAGAZINE SO WIDE THAT YOU ANNOY OTHERS

LEARN TO PAY COMPLIMENTS WITH SINCERITY

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TORCHY in HEARTBEATS

IN SOUTHVILLE, TORCHY LEARNS THAT PAUL IS CONVINCED THAT WASTE DISPOSAL FROM THE HUGE FULLER CHEMICAL PLANT IS SLOWLY POISONING THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY. NOW AS THEY RETURN TO THE CLINIC AFTER A HOUSE CALL.....

JACKIE ORMES

PAUL...WHY DON'T YOU GO TO FULLER HIMSELF WITH YOUR FINDINGS? CONVINCE HIM OF WHAT HE'S DOING!

BECAUSE I CAN'T---NOT YET, ANYWAY. COME INTO THE BACK ROOM WITH ME A SECOND, DARLING.

HERE'S WHERE I'VE BEEN EXPERIMENTING EVERY NIGHT... WORKING WITH BLOOD SAMPLES TAKEN FROM CLINIC PATIENTS.

I'M TRYING TO ISOLATE THE POISON, TORCHY. ONCE I DO THAT I CAN BRING MY FINDINGS TO COLONEL FULLER. HE MIGHT LISTEN TO ME THEN... HE JUST MIGHT!

I'M CLOSE TO THAT PART OF MY GOAL, DARLING. WITH YOU TO HELP ME DURING THE DAYS I WON'T BE SO BEAT AT NIGHT---I'LL BE ABLE TO WORK LONGER AT MY EXPERIMENTS!

THEN PAUL'S ARMS DREW HER CLOSE AND THE ALL-CONSUMING, ALL-POWERFUL ONENESS OF BEING IN LOVE ENGULFED THE GIRL'S VERY BEING, BLOTTING OUT ALL ELSE AS ONLY LOVE CAN DO!

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DARLING, DARLING ---I'LL BE A HELP TO YOU--- JUST YOU WAIT AND SEE! TOGETHER... WITH LOVE IN OUR HEARTS--- WE CAN LICK ANYTHING

NEXT WEEK: PITCHING IN!

TORCHY in HEARTBEATS

THE STORY THUS FAR:

TORCHY, A VIBRANT, ALIVE GIRL SEEKING TRUE LOVE AND HAPPINESS, FINDS THAT LIFE IS A THING OF TEARS AND HEARTACHES ALL TOO OFTEN!

WHEN SHE MEETS EARNEST, HANDSOME, YOUNG DOCTOR PAUL HAMMOND, THEY FALL IN LOVE! BUT PAUL IS CALLED TO A SMALL TOWN, SOUTHVILLE, WHERE HE TAKES CHARGE OF THE TINY CLINIC.

TORCHY FOLLOWS PAUL TO SOUTHVILLE WHERE SHE BECOMES HIS INVALUABLE NURSE AND GIRL FRIDAY! AS THEY WORK SIDE BY SIDE, THEIR LOVE DEEPENS!

BUT AT SOUTHVILLE, PAUL FINDS THAT WASTE PRODUCTS OF THE HUGE FULLER CHEMICAL PLANT, A GIANT INDUSTRIAL COLOSSUS, IS POISONING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH ABSORPTION IN THE VERY LAND AND WATER.

COLONEL FULLER, OWNER OF THE HUGE CHEMICAL PLANT, IS A PREJUDICED, BIGOTED MAN AND REFUSES TO EVEN LISTEN TO PAUL'S WARNINGS!

BUT PAUL'S WARNINGS COME TRUE AND THE CHEMICAL POISONING STRIKES HARD—INCLUDING COLONEL FULLER'S OWN BELOVED LITTLE NEPHEW, JAMIE! HOWEVER, PAUL PERFECTS A SERUM WHICH SAVES THE COMMUNITY. WHEN COLONEL FULLER COMES CARRYING LITTLE JAMIE, PAUL ADMINISTERS THE PRECIOUS SERUM WITHOUT QUESTION OR FAVOR!

AND NOW, HIS EYES OPENED TO THE TRUTH, COLONEL FULLER COMES TO PAUL IN REMORSE, AND AS THE TWO MEN TALK, THEY CLASP HANDS IN PROMISE OF A NEW DAY, FREE FROM UNREASONING PREJUDICE WHERE ALL MEN ARE JUDGED AS MEN AND NOT BY RACE, CREED OR COLOR!
CONT'D NEXT WEEK!

Pointers for Popularity

Don't correct a person's mistake in front of other people. No one likes to appear stupid
why Helen, you shouldn't have played that!

NEVER NEGLECT YOUR COMPLEXION

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TORCHY BROWN
HEARTBEATS

TORCHY STOOD IN THE LIVING ROOM OF THE APARTMENT SHE SHARED WITH HER FOLKS. WEARINESS LAY UPON HER LIKE A CLOAK BUT IT COULD NOT MAR THE GENTLE BEAUTY OF HER FACE ------BEAUTY WITH A DELICATE STRENGTH ALL ITS OWN . . .
YOU'RE TIRED, TORCHY. YOU'RE WEARING YOURSELF OUT LOOKING FOR JUST THE KIND OF JOB YOU WANT.
YES, I'M TIRED, MOTHER, BUT I'M TRYING TO FIND A FUTURE, NOT JUST ANY JOB.

Torchy Brown

by Jackie Ormes

HEARTBEATS

TORCHY HAD LISTENED TO KING IVORY'S STORY AND LEARNED HOW THE OLD MAN HAD RAISED EARL LESTER, AND NOW, THE STORY ENDED—

I JUST CAN'T MAKE MYSELF BELIEVE IT, TORCHY. EARL'S HANDS CRUSHED—HIS CAREER OVER!

MAYBE IT'S NOT, KING. FAITH AND COURAGE CAN DO WONDERS!

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JUST THEN, ANOTHER VOICE SPOKE UP AND TORCHY TURNED TO SEE THE DOCTOR STANDING THERE. HIS VOICE WAS GRAVE—

YOU'RE RIGHT, MISS. I COULDN'T HELP OVERHEARING. COURAGE AND FAITH CAN DO WONDERS, BUT THERE MUST BE A DESIRE TO LIVE!

WHAT— WHAT DO YOU MEAN, DOCTOR?

THERE'S A CHANCE AN OPERATION CAN HELP EARL LESTER'S CRUSHED FINGERS— JUST A CHANCE! BUT IT COULD NEVER SUCCEED WITHOUT A BURNING WILL TO LIVE ON THE PART OF THE PATIENT!

YOU—YOU THINK THERE'S A CHANCE HE CAN PLAY AGAIN, DOCTOR?

THAT DEPENDS. FIRST, EARL LESTER MUST BE GIVEN THE WILL—THE DESIRE TO LIVE. BUT HOW? HE FEELS HIS LIFE — HIS CAREER, IS OVER!

MAYBE— MAYBE I CAN GIVE HIM THAT WILL TO LIVE.

IF YOU COULD, AN OPERATION WOULD HAVE A FIGHTING CHANCE TO SUCCEED!

IF ONLY YOU COULD, TORCHY. BUT IT MAY MEAN ACTING—MASQUERADING —MAKING BELIEVE!

I KNOW, KING, BUT I—I WANT TO TRY, FOR ALL ITS SUCCESS WOULD MEAN TO HIM—TO YOU—TO THE WORLD!

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BUT EVEN NOW, AS SHE SPOKE, TORCHY'S HEART TOLD HER THAT WHAT SHE WAS ABOUT TO BEGIN, WOULD BE NO MASQUERADE!

TO BE CONT'D!

TORCHY
HEARTBEAT
DORCHY HAS JUST REACHED SOUTH AMERICA ON HER WAY TO AN UNKNOWN JOB FOR AN UNKNOWN EMPLOYER. A HUGE INDIAN NATIVE MEETS HER AT THE PIER AND BIDS HER COME WITH HIM. NOW, IN A SMALL CART, SHE SITS BESIDE THE GIANT AND...
YOU SAY YOUR NAME IS MANU. TELL ME SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR EMPLOYER--- THE MAN I'M GOING TO WORK FOR.
YOU WAIT / YOU SEE YOURSELF. MANU NO TALK!
THE HUGE INDIAN LAPSED INTO SILENCE AND THE LITTLE CART ROLLED DEEPER INTO THE INTERIOR. SOON THE FOLIAGE TOOK ON THE HEAVY, DANK CHARACTER OF THE JUNGLE AND THE ROAD WAS NO MORE THAN A THIN TRAIL...
HOW MUCH FARTHER?
NOT LONG, NOW.

THEY RODE ON IN SILENCE TILL FINALLY THE CART DREW ABREAST OF A TREMENDOUS FIELD OF TREES PLANTED IN STRAIGHT ROWS. MANU HALTED FOR A MOMENT AND....

MOMENTS LATER, THE CART DREW UP TO A HOUSE RECESSED IN THE JUNGLE FOLIAGE. HEAVY MOSS AND LOW-HANGING VINES DRAPED THE HOUSE AND OVER THE ENTIRE SCENE LAY A CLOAK OF HIDDEN EVIL!
CONT'D NEXT WEEK!

Torchy Togs
GREEN SATIN TROUSERS PURPLE JERSEY STOLE AND DRAPED STRAPLESS BLOUSE.
ABOVE, SHEER WOOL COAT DRESS WITH DETACHABLE CAPE HAS FLYING OVERSKIRT.
GOLD BOUCLÉ KNIT SHEATH IS SIMPLE WITH ONLY JEWEL TOUCHES.
JACKIE ORMES

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TORCHY BROWN in "DIXIE TO HARLEM" "NICE VISIT!" —By ZELDA JACKSON ORMES

I THINK I'D LIKE TO TRY THE FROCKS IN THE FANCY WINDOW THIS AFTERNOON.
HOT DIGGITY! I GOT HER LOOKIN' LIKE A PIN MODEL SHE THINKS I'M MONEY'S MAKIN' THE WAY I'VE BEEN DOING TRICKS LATELY
— BUT I'M DEAR, YOU LOOK DIVINE
IN PINK? YOU'RE KIDDIN'
WHOA-OH! THESE ARE HELLUVA NICE CLOTHES ANY OF GALS COME IN HERE AT THIS HOUR
SENT OUT? — OH-I DON'T MEAN TO BUY ANYTHING — BUT IT WAS SUCH FUN
DID YOU SELECT THE FROCKS YOU WANTED SENT OUT, MISS?
ANYTHING SO!

HEARTBEATS
YOUNG DOCTOR PAUL HAMMOND HAS GONE TO A LITTLE SOUTHERN TOWN TO BECOME THE RESIDENT PHYSICIAN. SO HE MAY JOIN HIS QUICKLY YOUNG BRIDE, WHO IS A NURSE'S AIDE COURSE AT THE MEDICAL ACADEMY AND WITH WHOM HE'S MADE PLANS QUICKLY.....

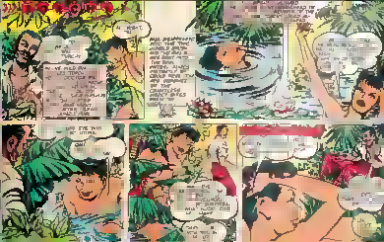
AND THE NIGHTS WERE LONELY TIMES OF LISTENING FOR HER STEP AND A GREETING...
JUST A LITTLE WHILE LONGER DARLING—JUST A LITTLE WHILE!

I CAN'T WAIT TILL I'M WITH HIM AGAIN! EVERY MINUTE SEEMING LIKE AN HOUR—EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE ONLY BEEN APART A FEW HOURS!

IT'LL BE SO WONDERFUL HAVING PETE HERE—HELPING HIM! WE MUST BE NEARLY OVERWHELMED WITH WORK SOON! THERE ALONE! I'LL BE A REAL WIFE TO HIM—I'VE GOT TO BE!

AND SO SLEEP HAS A HAPPY DREAM OF HOPE FILLED WITH SHINING ANTICIPATION AND BRIGHT GOALS—THE DREAMS OF A GIRL IN LOVE!

ISN'T IT GREAT DARLING! MY OWN COMPLETELY EQUIPPED CLINIC!
Coming Next Week!


Tarzan
Ah, Kala!
Kala, we have not seen you today. Where have you been?
Kala, I am glad you are safe. Where is Terkoz?
Kala, you are hurt! What happened?
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